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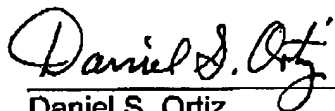
The claims have been amended to claim a method for improving the cleaning performance of an aqueous liquid laundry detergent composition. The detergent composition comprises water, co-surfactants which do not include hydroxy mixed ethers of the formula (I), typical auxiliaries and additives. The improvement in the cleaning performance of the laundry detergent composition is shown in the examples in the application at page 27.

The use of hydroxy mixed ethers in liquid laundry detergent formulation is not disclosed in the prior art cited by the Examiner.

The amendments to the claims are fully supported in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the claims.

Favorable consideration of the claims in their amended form is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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